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INTRODUCTION:

Tax is a mandatory financial charge or levy imposed by a government on individuals, businesses, or other entities to fund public services and government expenditures. Taxes are a primary source of revenue for governments, which use these funds to finance various activities, such as infrastructure development, public services (like education and healthcare), defence, social welfare programs, and more.

Taxes can be levied on a variety of sources of income, consumption, wealth, property, transactions, and activities. There exist multiple tax types, each with unique qualities and objectives. Here are a few typical tax types:

Income Taxes are imposed against both people and corporations' earnings. It frequently follows a progressive system, where higher earners pay a bigger portion of their income in taxes.
Corporate Tax: a tax enforced on the earnings of corporations and businesses.
A consumption tax assessed on the value added at each stage of the production or distribution process is known as a **Value Added Tax (VAT)** or **Goods andServices Tax (GST).** It's prevalent in the context of product and service sales.
Similar to VAT/GST, **Sales Taxes**apply on the sale of goods and services, typically at the point of final customer purchase.
Tax on earnings made from the sale of assets like stocks, real estate, or other investments is known as a **Capital Gains Tax.**
Excise Tax: an additional fee placed on some products, such as alcohol, tobacco, gasoline, and luxuries.
Custom Duty is imposed on goods imported into a nation through customs.

Beyond generating money, taxes have many other functions, such as wealth redistribution, behaviour modification (for instance, by taxing unsafe products), and economic stabilization. Countries and regions may have quite different tax structures and rates, which are often influenced by legislative decisions and government policies.

The central and state governments of India enact a number of different taxes to raise income. These taxes are used for a variety of things, including financing operational expenses, social programs, and construction projects.

A number of important adjustments and reforms driven by political, social, and economic considerations have occurred during India's history of modern taxation. An outline of India's modern taxation system is provided below:

1. From the 18th through the 20th century, Britain was a colony:

With the goal to raise money for its imperial interests during the time of British colonial control, the British government levied different taxes on Indian nationals.

One of the first types of taxes in India was the land revenue system, or zamindari system. It entailed obtaining a certain portion of agricultural output from landowners.

2. The post-independence period (1947–1991)

India adopted a mixed economy model involving substantial government intervention after attaining independent in 1947.A structure for taxing individual and business income went into effect in 1961 with the introduction of the income tax act.

The main sources of income at this time were import duties and excise taxes, which was a result of an industrialization program of import substitution.

3. Economic liberalization and reforms (1991–present):

With economic liberalization and alterations aimed at opening up the Indian economy, the early 1990s exhibited an era of transition.

The government established the service tax in 1994, extending the tax base to comprise both commodities and services.

The government began debating the introduction of the goods and services tax (GST) in 2000 to replace the convoluted system of indirect taxes.

4. Goods and services tax (GST) was implemented in 2017:

The implementation of GST on July 1, 2017, was the most crucial modern tax reform in India.

GST streamlined the indirect tax system by replacing numerous federal and state levies as excise duty, service tax, VAT, and others.

In order to prevent double taxation, the GST is a destination-based tax that is placed on the value added at every point in the supply chain.

5. Later amendments and reforms:

Based on the economy and input from stakeholders, tax rates and policies have been modified and adjusted since the GST came into effect.

By replacing various national and state-level levies with a single tax system, India's goods and services tax (GST) framework aims to create a unified yet simple indirect tax policy. To provide fair taxation across a range of products and services, the GST structure consists of multiple components and tax rates. Here is a summary of the IndianGST system:

1. **The Central Goods and Services Tax (CGST)**

Imposed by the central government on the supply of goods and services within the state.
Contributes to the central revenue and is collected by the central government.

2. State Goods and Services Tax:

Imposed by separate states on the supply of goods and services inside their own borders.
Collected by the individual state governments, which goes toward state funding.

3. Integrated Goods And Services Tax IGST:

Applicable to imports along with interstate supplies of goods and services.
Collected by the central government and split according to the destination principle between the centre and the states.

4. Cess on compensation:

Imposed on some items, including tobacco, high-end vehicles, and aerated beverages, to make up for potential income losses caused by the adoption of the GST.Collected over a predetermined time period and used to make required payments to states.
In addition to GST several other indirect taxes still prevails in Maharashtra such as VAT, professional tax and other local taxes like property tax, octroi and entry tax, toll tax etc also contribute a significant revenue to the Maharashtra government.

NEED AND IMPORTANCE OF THE STUDY:

Policy makers must fully comprehend how Maharashtra's revenue has been influenced by the introduction of the GST and other indirect levies. It supports in determining the success of the tax reform and helps in making defensible choices regarding future policy changes.

The study can provide insight into how the GST will impact the various industries in Maharashtra economically. It can demonstrate which industries have benefited or suffered as a consequence of the tax reforms, enabling a more complex view of the state's economic situation. The state's budget relies on revenue to pay for development projects, infrastructure improvements, and public services. Understanding how tax changes affect revenue collection might help with revenue management tactics.

Changes in tax laws have a bearing on businesses' financial planning, pricing tactics, and daily operations. It is crucial for both businesses and the government to comprehend how taxes like the GST and others have impacted enterprises' financial performance.

Consumer attitudes and expenditure habits may be modified by indirect tax. Analyzing how consumer behaviour has altered as a result of tax legislation might reveal changes in demand that may affect markets and tax income.The investigation can determine whether tax evasion rates have changed or whether GST has increased tax compliance. For evaluating the efficacy of anti-evasion methods, this information is crucial.

Maharashtra's performance in terms of revenue collection after the GST can be understood by contrasting its revenue trends with those of other states. It aids in identifying strengths and prospective growth.By offering concrete data and insights on

how GST affects revenue in certain sectors, the study can add to an existing body of scholarly literature. It can be used as a resource for further investigation and study.

Transparency in taxation and its effects on revenue generation improve governance accountability. A detailed examination adds to the informed public debate of tax policies and their results.Constant examination is necessary due to the ever-changing nature of tax policies and the implications that they have. This kind of research keeps up with developments and offers timely insights for modifying policies.

The study is useful for both researchers and policymakers thinking about the bigger picture of Maharashtra's taxation.

RESEARCH PROBLEM:

With an objective of unifying the complex web of indirect taxes and improving revenue collection, the Goods and Services Tax (GST) was implemented in India, marking a substantial change in the taxation environment. Maharashtra, a well-known economic powerhouse, is essential to the overall success of this reform. This study aims to explore the complex effects that the enactment of the GST and concomitant adjustments to other indirect taxes will have on the state of Maharashtra's ability to generate income.

According to the problem statement, it is necessary to examine several facets of tax reforms, their effects on various industries, economic expansion, compliance patterns, and total revenue trends in the context of Maharashtra. In order to guide policy choices and deepen knowledge of taxes and fiscal policy generally, the aim is to provide a comprehensive comprehension of the relationship between changes in tax policy and revenue outcomes.

OBJECTIVE OF THE STUDY:

1. To determine how the GST's being enacted will influence Maharashtra's total income collection
2. To evaluate the effects of the GST on revenue fluctuations by sector
3. To comprehend modifications in consumer expenditure and behaviour following the introduction of the GST
4. To evaluate the success of countermeasures put in place after the GST.
5. To determine which industries have seen substantial changes in revenue under the GST.
6. To compare Maharashtra's revenue trends with those of other states operating under the GST system.
7. To analyse how the GST influences Maharashtra's revenue from various indirect taxes.
8. To assess the extent of compliance among companies in Maharashtra after the GST.

9. To investigate the effect that technological improvements contribute in GST tax administration.

HYPOTHESIS:

First Hypothesis:
H0: Maharashtra's overall revenue collection has not been significantlyimpacted by the introduction of the GST.
H1: Maharashtra's overall revenue collection has changed significantly as a result of the installation of the GST.

Second Hypothesis:
HO: The GST's implementation in Maharashtra has resulted in uniform revenue changes.
H1: Since the adoption of the GST, several industries in Maharashtra have seen varying revenue shifts.

Third Hypothesis:
H0: Since the implementation of the GST, the compliance rate among enterprises in Maharashtra has remained stable.
H1: Since the implementation of the GST, the compliance rate among firms in Maharashtra has drastically changed.

Fourth Hypothesis:
HO: GST has had no effect on Maharashtra's consumer spending habits or overall Demand.
H1: Maharashtra's consumer spending habits and general demand have changed as a Result of the GST.

FifthHypothesis:
HO: GST implementation has had no impact on Maharashtra's tax evasion rates,
H1: Maharashtra's tax evasion rates have changed as a result of the installation of the GST.

LITERATURE REVIEW:
Goods and Services Tax: Law, Practice, and Procedures" by H. Padmanabhan and Ravi Gupta (2021): This book offers a thorough overview of Indian GST law, customs, and processes, making it a valuable resource for businesses and professionals dealing with GST complexities.
"GST: A Practitioner's Guide with Ready Reckoner" by V.S. Datey (2020): Designed for GST experts and practitioners, this manual provides quick answers and explanations on GST rules and their implications.
"GST: How India's Greatest Tax Reform Came Into Being" by Shankar Aiyar (2018): This book explores the challenges and processes involved in enacting GST in India, shedding light on political, economic, and administrative aspects.

"Goods and Services Tax: A Primer" by M.S. Mani (2017): A concise primer introducing GST's basic concepts and its impact on businesses and the economy.
"Goods and Services Tax: Concepts and Roadmap" by Rajeev Dimri, SriramGovind, and MukeshButani (2016): This book explains core GST concepts and provides insights into its implementation in India, including potential effects and implementation challenges.

RESEARCH DESIGN:

Descriptive research design will used for the study purpose to analyse and describe the impact of GSTon revenue in Maharashtra. The study will be conducted for the period of five years from 1st July, 2017 to 31st March, 2022.

Target population will include businesses, consumers, tax experts, and government officials in Maharashtra.Probability sampling methods will be employed for surveys and questionnaires to ensure a representative sample.
Diverse industries and sectors will be chosen for case studies to capture a broad range of impacts.

- **Data collection:**

Data will be collected through primary and secondary sources. Various combinations will be used for well round analysis.

- **Primary source:**

Structured questionnaire or survey method will be used questionnaires among businesses and consumers to understand their experiences and perceptions regarding GST's impact on revenue.
Interviews will be conducted with experts, tax officials, economists, and business leaders for qualitative insight.

- **Secondary sources:**

It will constitute the collection of official reports and publications from government sources, including GST tax collections, revenue data, and economic reports.
Data will also be obtained from industry associations, academic research, financial institutions, and reputable online databases.

- **Data Analysis:**

Quantitative data analysis techniques are employed for numerical data, including descriptive statistics, correlation analysis, and regression analysis to identify relationships between variables.
Qualitative data analysis methods is utilize for interview and survey responses, such as thematic analysis, to identify common themes and patterns.
Comparative analysis of pre-GST and post-GST data to assess change in revenue patterns and tax collection.

Analysis of case studies of selected businesses in various sectors to provide in-depth insights into GST's impact on revenue, compliance, and operations.

CHAPTER SCHEME

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- Chapter 2: Literature Review and Research Methodology
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- Chapter 4: Policy Effectiveness, Sectoral investigation and Recommendations.
- Chapter 5: Data analysis and interpretation of data.
- Chapter 6: Finding , Conclusion and Suggestions

RELEVANCE TO SOCIETY:

Due to the insights it offers to a range of stakeholders, research on implications of GST and other indirect taxes on revenue in Maharashtra is relevant to society. Informed judgments can be made by policymakers that boost revenue and enhance economic progress. Businesses can modify their tactics according to tax dynamics, enhancing investor confidence while encouraging growth. Citizens' engagement and accountability have grown as a result of their improved grasp of tax policies. This research also advances academic understanding, aids in data-driven decision-making, and promotes sustainable development projects by ensuring resource allocation is wise.

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